WASHINGTON METROPOLITAN AREA TRANSIT COMMISSION

WASHINGTON, DC

ORDER NO. 4272

IN THE MATTER OF:

Served April 1, 1994

Application of J's CHARTER SERVICE,)
INC., for a Certificate of
Authority -- Irregular Route
Operations
)

Case No. AP-94-14

By application filed March 31, 1994, J's Charter Service, Inc. (JCS or applicant), a Maryland corporation, seeks a certificate of authority to transport passengers, together with baggage in the same vehicles as passengers, in irregular route operations between points in the Metropolitan District.

The application includes information regarding, among other things, applicant's corporate status, facilities, proposed tariff, finances, and regulatory compliance record. The application is available for inspection at the office of the Commission during its regular business hours.

Applicant proposes commencing operations with two 47-passenger motor coaches, owned by applicant. Applicant's proposed tariff contains special operations rates, and hourly charter rates with minimum charges.

Applicant is under common control with Jones Transportation Services, Inc. (JTS), Carrier No. 116. Applicant's special operations rates appear designed for wheelchair-van service, the service provided by JTS, instead of motor coach service, the service provided by JCS. Applicant will be directed to file an amended proposed tariff or a written statement expressly affirming the proposed tariff filed with the application.

Applicant's three financial statements, Exhibits E, F and G, do not reflect any fixed asset depreciation, despite evidence that depreciable assets have been and will be employed in applicant's operations. Applicant will be directed to file an amended Exhibit E with an entry for accumulated depreciation and amended Exhibits F and G with entries for depreciation expense.

In determining whether to grant or deny an application for a certificate of authority, the Compact at Title II, Article XI, Section 7 requires that the Commission determine whether an applicant is fit, willing, and able to perform the transportation properly and conform to the provisions of the Compact and the Commission's rules, regulations, and requirements and whether the transportation is consistent with the public interest. Pursuant to Commission Rule No. 6, this order and fulfillment of its requirements will provide notice of JCS's application for a certificate of authority.

THEREFORE, IT IS ORDERED:

- 1. That applicant shall publish once in a newspaper of general circulation in the Metropolitan District, no later than Wednesday, April 13, 1994, notice in the form prescribed by the staff of the Commission.
- That applicant shall file with the Commission, no later than Wednesday, May 4, 1994, an original and four copies of an affidavit that notice has been published as required in the preceding paragraph.
- 3. That applicant shall file with the Commission, no later than Wednesday, April 13, 1994, an original and four copies of an amended proposed tariff or a written statement expressly affirming the proposed tariff filed with the application.
- That applicant shall file with the Commission, no later than Wednesday, April 13, 1994, an original and four copies of an amended Exhibit E with an entry for accumulated depreciation, and amended Exhibits F and G with entries for depreciation expense.
- That any person wanting to protest the application, in accordance with Commission Rule No. 13 and Regulation No. 54-04(a), and any person wanting to comment on the application, in accordance with Regulation No. 54-04(a), shall file such protest or comment at the office of the Commission, 1828 L Street, N.W., Suite 703, Washington, DC 20036-5104, no later than Wednesday, May 4, 1994, and shall simultaneously serve a copy of such protest or comment on applicant's representative, Mr. James Jones, President, J's Charter Service, Inc., 3355 Benning Road, N.E., Washington, DC 20019.
- 6. That any person seeking a formal oral hearing on this matter, in accordance with Commission Regulation No. 54-04(b), shall request one no later than Wednesday, May 4, 1994, and shall simultaneously serve a copy of such request on applicant's representative, Mr. James Jones, President, J's Charter Service, Inc., 3355 Benning Road, N.E., Washington, DC 20019.

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Executive Director